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This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 14, 2006, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on November 14, 2006. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.